Vigil on East coast by coast Guards

1364. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the steps taken to increase the surveillance capacity on the east coast; and

(b) what are the plans to supply surveillance aircraft, offshore patrol-vessels and high speed interceptor boats to ensure proper vigil on the east coast by the Coast Guards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Additional detachments of personnel have been provided to maintain surveillance on the East Coast. Daily patroling is also undertaken. In the sensitive areas patrolling has been intensified.

(b) Coast Guard Development Plan 1992—97 has been approved. It envisages acquisition of new vessels and aircrat in a time bound manner.

Need to acquire nuclear submarine by India

1365. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether experts have pointed out that India must acquire nuclear submarine to emerge as a truly deterrent force in the Indian Ocean to effectively discourage foreign interference and safeguard its vital off-shore assets and islands in the Andaman;

(b) if so, whether the return of Chakra, leased Russian Nuclear Power Submarine after expiry of lease period, has greatly handicapped the Indian Navy;

(c) if so, whether the Manpower trained in operating the nuclear submarines would be wasted unless other such submarines are inducted into fleet soon;

(d) if so, whether Government are considering to obtain the nuclear power submarine from other countries also; and

(e) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) The country's requirements of Naval equipment are assessed taking into account our geo-strategic environment, threat perceptions, the likely tasks that the navy may be called upon to perform, our maritime interests and the availability of resources. The Navy is presently adequately equipped for these.

(d) There is no such proposal.

(e) Does not arise.

Intrusion on Indo-Pak border

1366. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Hindustan Times of the 26th January, 1994 under the caption, 'Limited war along LOC likely;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) whether there have been repeated violations and firings by the Pakistani troops at LOC, if so, what are the details of such incidents, which took place during the last six months; and

(d) what security steps Government have taken to safeguard the borders of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) There have been no violations of the LOC by Pak troops. Firng across the LOC is a recurring phenomenon. Pak troops often resort to unprovoked firing on our posts at several sectors of the LOC. Details of firing incidents, which took place during the last six months are as under :

Month	No. of Firing incidents
Sep. 93 . . .	203
Oct. 93 . . .	192
Nov. 93 . . .	179
Dec. 93 . . .	233
Jan. 94 . . .	214
Feb. 94 (Upto 22-2-94) .	126

(d) Our troops deployed along the borders are adequately equipped and alert to safeguard our territorial integrity.